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September 8, 2008

Mr. James P. Uihlein  
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Dear Mr. Uihlein:

This letter is in response to Chevron Products Company's (Chevron) September 2, 2008 request to supply final blends of California Reformulated Gasoline Blendstocks for Oxygenate Blending (CARBOB) before December 31, 2009 using the recently amended CARBOB Procedures Guide<sup>1</sup>.

The 2007 amendments to the California Reformulated Gasoline Regulation (amended regulation) require any producer or importer that produces gasoline and elects to use the amended CARBOB Procedures Guide before December 31, 2009 to notify the Executive Officer of its election and to provide:

- (1) The approximate date by which it intends to begin supplying CARBOB complying with the amended CARBOB Procedures Guide;
- (2) A reasonably detailed demonstration of the producer's or importer's ability and plans to begin supplying substantial quantities of one or more grades of CARBOB meeting the amended CARBOB Procedures Guide; and
- (3) An Alternative Emission Reduction Plan (AERP) or third party AERP application containing the information listed in California Code of Regulations, title 13, section 2265.5(b)(2), if needed to offset emissions associated with permeation.

The amended regulation requires the Executive Officer to notify Chevron within 15 days of receipt of the September 2, 2008 request that the request is complete or specify necessary information to make the request complete. The Air Resources Board (ARB) staff determined that Chevron's September 2, 2008 request is complete.

<sup>1</sup> The amended CARBOB Procedures Guide refers to the "Procedures for Using the California Model for California Reformulated Gasoline Blendstocks for Oxygenate Blending (CARBOB)," as adopted April 25, 2001 and last amended August 7, 2008.

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The amended regulation also requires that within 15 days of notifying Chevron that the request is complete, the Executive Officer shall either grant or deny the request. If the request is granted, the Executive Officer shall specify the date upon which producers or importers that produce gasoline may start to supply from their production or import facilities final blends of CARBOB that comply with the amended CARBOB Procedures Guide.

Based on information in Chevron's confidential request, ARB has determined that it is reasonably likely that Chevron is ready to begin supplying substantial quantities of one or more grades of CARBOB that comply with the amended CARBOB Procedures Guide. Also, Chevron has not included a request in its submittal to use an AERP. Therefore, I hereby grant Chevron's request to begin supplying final blends of CARBOB using the amended CARBOB Procedures Guide from the production or import facilities identified in its request, as of the date of this letter. All other applicable provisions of the amended California reformulated gasoline regulations apply.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Dean C. Simeroth, Chief, Criteria Pollutants Branch at (916) 322-6020 or via email [dsimerot@arb.ca.gov](mailto:dsimerot@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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